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Three weeks of Millie Thomson's visit

had passed away and during that time

Max had been her constant and most

devoted attendant. Why she had sing-

led him out from the other young men

and showed him so much more favor he

did not know and did not pause to ask.

All that he knew was that she was

kind, so kind that he was intoxicated

and Lillian forgotten. Meanwhile, Lil-

lian the patient and gentle, had nursed

her father back to health and had quiet-

ly and in a few words as possible, giv-

ing him light on the subject of Max's

shortcomings and misdeeds.

She quietly and bravely did her duty and if

her heart ached and refused to be com-

forted no one knew it.

The week before Miss Thomson's vis-

it came to a close a ball was arranged,

in her honor, to take place at her uncle's

house. It was to be quite an affair for

so quiet a place and the young folks

met each other with faces full of expecta-

tion, and the question every ready

"Are you going to the ball?" Every

one was going, of course. Though she

knew it would be trying, Lillian re-

solved to go, for she thought it would

be best for her to do so.

The evening night arrived and Mr.

Thomson's large parlors were crowded

with guests. Millie, handsomely dressed

in rose-colored satin, and with dia-

monds flashing in the heavy black folds

of her hair, looked like an Eastern

queen. She was decidedly the belle of

the ball, but her black eyes blazed with

an evil light as she saw that Lillian was

almost as much admired as herself.

Lillian was a gauzy white dress, with

her hair falling in curls to her waist.

"Boys," said Guy Phillips to a crowd

of the young men standing near him,

"it's a shame for Max to slight

that nice little girl for that painted

beauty yonder. Now I propose that

we devote ourselves to Lillian to-night,

and see that she has a good time."

This proposal was warmly agreed to,

for Lillian was a general favorite.

To all appearances she did enjoy her-

self in spite of the fact that Max scarce-

ly spoke to her and did not once ask her

to dance—but how deceptive appear-

ances may be.

All went merrily.

"Soft eyes looked love to eyes that spoke

again."

And fair cheeks blushed at the praise of their

one beloved.

To Lillian the hours dragged slowly;

the music, lights and gay crowd op-

pressed her. Presently there came a

rumor, carried by busy tongues to her

ears. Max had proposed to Millie and

had been accepted. A couple passed

her moving to the slow soft music of a

waltz. It was Max and Millie and he

was looking into her eyes with a look of

satisfied possession, a consciousness of

happy triumph.

It was late and Lillian stayed for no

more, but went home, and the grey

morning light found her still in her ball

dress, kneeling by her bed with her

white, sorrow-stricken face in her

hands.

Millie Thomson went home, and Max

acted like one lost till the time came

when she had given him permission to

visit her. He had been so engrossed

by her, had lived in the light of her

smile for weeks, and now that the in-

toxication of her presence was removed

everything seemed utterly flat and flat.

His formerly regular habits were broken

and, even the quiet and rational

pleasures, before so dear, were eschew-

By the way, Max," said Guy as

they were talking over their cigars at

supper, "did you ever hear what

had become of that old sweetheart of

yours, Miss Thomson?"

"No," said Max, "I have never

heard of her since her marriage was

published. She went to Europe, I be-

lieve."

"Yes, I saw her when I went over

to bring Minnie home," said Guy,

watching his friend's countenance.

"Indeed! where?" asked Max lazily.

"She was acting in a third rate va-

riety theatre in Paris."

"Good Heavens! doing what?" asked

Max, now thoroughly interested.

"Acting in a low theatre in Paris. I

saw her on the boards myself. I just

strolled in there one night to see what

it was like," he added apologetically